A joint initiative between Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum Education & Outreach Service and the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway

World War II Evacuation Experience

26 & 27 May, 23 & 24 June 2010

A special opportunity for pupils to take part in a replica World War II evacuation. The children will be taken back in time to 1940 to experience and appreciate the mass evacuations then taking place

The evacuation experience will include:

- Steam train journey to the 'safety of the countryside'.
- Presentation by Museum Education staff using a range of artefacts to demonstrate wartime domestic life and to show the need for evacuation. Pupils will have the opportunity to handle and investigate original objects.
- A short talk by a real WWII evacuee (as available) with the opportunity to ask questions.
- 1940s picnic lunch (appropriate food to be provided by parents).
- Final allocation of the children to their farming occupations and accommodation before boarding their transport 'to go to the farm'.

Pupils and staff should come dressed in 1940s style clothing with an identity label (template supplied prior to visit), gas mask box and suitable wartime lunch.

2010 Dates	(Weds & Thurs) 26 & 27 May, 23 & 24 June.
Assembly	At either Toddington or Winchcombe stations as allocated.
Times	Start times as allocated during the morning, latest finish at 2.00pm for return to school.
Cost	£6.50 per pupil, class teachers and helpers free on a ratio of 1:10, thereafter £9.35 per head.
Booking Contact	Faye Little / Sandra Ashenford, Education & Outreach Service, Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum

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Party Size: - A minimum of 20 pupils is needed per party; schools may join forces with other schools to make up the minimum (subject to a maximum of 30 pupils and 3 staff) or ask Museum staff to include the school in a joint party.